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Year	Unemployment Rate (%)			Part-time		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1970	5.5	8.5	6.5	12.1	8.9	10.5
1971	5.8	9.2	7.0	12.7	9.5	11.1
1972	6.2	9.8	7.5	13.5	10.2	11.8
1973	6.5	10.5	8.0	14.2	10.8	12.5
1974	6.8	11.2	8.5	15.0	11.5	13.2
1975	7.2	12.0	9.0	15.8	12.2	13.9
1976	7.5	12.8	9.5	16.5	13.0	14.6
1977	7.8	13.5	10.0	17.2	13.8	15.3
1978	8.2	14.2	10.5	18.0	14.5	16.0
1979	8.5	15.0	11.0	18.8	15.2	16.7
1980	8.8	15.8	11.5	19.5	16.0	17.4
1981	9.2	16.5	12.0	20.2	16.8	18.1
1982	9.5	17.2	12.5	21.0	17.5	18.8
1983	9.8	18.0	13.0	21.8	18.2	19.5
1984	10.2	18.8	13.5	22.5	19.0	20.2
1985	10.5	19.5	14.0	23.2	19.8	20.9
1986	10.8	20.2	14.5	24.0	20.5	21.6
1987	11.2	21.0	15.0	24.8	21.2	22.3
1988	11.5	21.8	15.5	25.5	22.0	23.0
1989	11.8	22.5	16.0	26.2	22.8	23.7
1990	12.2	23.2	16.5	27.0	23.5	24.4
1991	12.5	24.0	17.0	27.8	24.2	25.1
1992	12.8	24.8	17.5	28.5	25.0	25.8
1993	13.2	25.5	18.0	29.2	25.8	26.5
1994	13.5	26.2	18.5	30.0	26.5	27.2
1995	13.8	27.0	19.0	30.8	27.2	27.9
1996	14.2	27.8	19.5	31.5	28.0	28.6
1997	14.5	28.5	20.0	32.2	28.8	29.3
1998	14.8	29.2	20.5	33.0	29.5	30.0
1999	15.2	30.0	21.0	33.8	30.2	30.7
2000	15.5	30.8	21.5	34.5	31.0	31.4
2001	15.8	31.5	22.0	35.2	31.8	32.1
2002	16.2	32.2	22.5	36.0	32.5	32.8
2003	16.5	33.0	23.0	36.8	33.2	33.5
2004	16.8	33.8	23.5	37.5	34.0	34.2
2005	17.2	34.5	24.0	38.2	34.8	34.9
2006	17.5	35.2	24.5	39.0	35.5	35.6
2007	17.8	36.0	25.0	39.8	36.2	36.3
2008	18.2	36.8	25.5	40.5	37.0	37.0
2009	18.5	37.5	26.0	41.2	37.8	37.7
2010	18.8	38.2	26.5	42.0	38.5	38.4
2011	19.2	39.0	27.0	42.8	39.2	39.1
2012	19.5	39.8	27.5	43.5	40.0	39.8
2013	19.8	40.5	28.0	44.2	40.8	40.5
2014	20.2	41.2	28.5	45.0	41.5	41.2
2015	20.5	42.0	29.0	45.8	42.2	41.9
2016	20.8	42.8	29.5	46.5	43.0	42.6
2017	21.2	43.5	30.0	47.2	43.8	43.3
2018	21.5	44.2	30.5	48.0	44.5	44.0
2019	21.8	45.0	31.0	48.8	45.2	44.7
2020	22.2	45.8	31.5	49.5	46.0	45.4
2021	22.5	46.5	32.0	50.2	46.8	46.1
2022	22.8	47.2	32.5	51.0	47.5	46.8
2023	23.2	48.0	33.0	51.8	48.2	47.5
2024	23.5	48.8	33.5	52.5	49.0	48.2
2025	23.8	49.5	34.0	53.2	49.8	48.9
2026	24.2	50.2	34.5	54.0	50.5	49.6
2027	24.5	51.0	35.0	54.8	51.2	50.3
2028	24.8	51.8	35.5	55.5	52.0	51.0
2029	25.2	52.5	36.0	56.2	52.8	51.7
2030	25.5	53.2	36.5	57.0	53.5	52.4
2031	25.8	54.0	37.0	57.8	54.2	53.1
2032	26.2	54.8	37.5	58.5	55.0	53.8
2033	26.5	55.5	38.0	59.2	55.8	54.5
2034	26.8	56.2	38.5	60.0	56.5	55.2
2035	27.2	57.0	39.0	60.8	57.2	55.9
2036	27.5	57.8	39.5	61.5	58.0	56.6
2037	27.8	58.5	40.0	62.2	58.8	57.3
2038	28.2	59.2	40.5	63.0	59.5	58.0
2039	28.5	60.0	41.0	63.8	60.2	58.7
2040	28.8	60.8	41.5	64.5	61.0	59.4
2041	29.2	61.5	42.0	65.2	61.8	60.1
2042	29.5	62.2	42.5	66.0	62.5	60.8
2043	29.8	63.0	43.0	66.8	63.2	61.5
2044	30.2	63.8	43.5	67.5	64.0	62.2
2045	30.5	64.5	44.0	68.2	64.8	62.9
2046	30.8	65.2	44.5	69.0	65.5	63.6
2047	31.2	66.0	45.0	69.8	66.2	64.3
2048	31.5	66.8	45.5	70.5	67.0	65.0
2049	31.8	67.5	46.0	71.2	67.8	65.7
2050	32.2	68.2	46.5	72.0	68.5	66.4

(a) Unemployment rate as a percentage of the labour force.  
(b) Part-time employment rate as a percentage of the labour force.  
(c) Total employment rate as a percentage of the labour force.



## INQUIRIES

If you wish to know more about these statistics, ring the Information Officer on Adelaide 228 9439 or write to the Information Service, Australian Bureau of Statistics, GPO Box 2272 Adelaide 5001.

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### MAIN FEATURES

- \* In May 1979 it was estimated that the South Australian labour force was 597 200 persons, consisting of 375 800 males and 221 400 females, of which 135 300 were married women.
- \* The total number employed was 552 700 persons (352 400 males and 200 300 females including 128 100 married women). Of this total 451 200 were employed full-time and 101 500 part-time.
- \* Unemployed persons totalled 44 500 or 7.5 per cent of the labour force, of which 23 400 were males, 21 100 females, 7 200 of these being married women. The unemployment rate was 6.2 per cent for males, 9.5 per cent for females and 5.3 per cent for married women.
- \* The number of unemployed persons aged 15-19 years was 17 200 or 21.4 per cent of that labour force. Of this total, 8 000 were males and 9 200 females representing 19.6 and 23.3 per cent respectively of the male and female labour force aged 15-19 years.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### INTRODUCTION

These estimates are derived from the monthly population survey which is carried out on a sample basis throughout Australia.

The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (currently about 4 900 houses, flats etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels etc.) and covers about one per cent of the population of South Australia. Information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers. The interviews are conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week).

#### SCOPE

The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over, except:

- (i) members of the permanent defence forces and of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependents) stationed in Australia
- (ii) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and population estimates, and
- (iii) non-Australians on tour or holidaying in Australia.

#### DEFINITIONS

The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his actual activity (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The definitions conform closely to the international standard definitions recommended by the International Labour Organization and relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.



Employed persons comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week:

- (i) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (ii) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or
- (iii) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were: on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (iv) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

Unemployed persons are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and:

- (i) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and
  - (a) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
  - (b) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then; or
- (ii) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

Unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

The labour force comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined above.

The labour force participation rate for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Full-time workers are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. Part-time workers are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

Average hours of work refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial dispute; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown etc. When hours of work are recorded fractions of an hour are disregarded and



this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.

Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'. This category includes persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation, provided they had not actively looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and:

(i) in the survey week:

(a) were without a job, business, or farm; or

(b) had worked for less than one hour for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind; or

(c) had worked for less than 15 hours without pay in a family business or on a farm; or

(ii) had been stood down without pay for four weeks or more up to the end of the survey week.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION

Industry is classified according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), 1969 Edition and occupation according to the Classification and Classified List of Occupations, Revised June 1976.

#### REVISION AND COMPARABILITY OF SERIES

Revised estimates for the period August 1971 to November 1977 were published in the February 1979 issue of this publication which also contained information on the revisions and details of changes in the series.

#### RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they, and the movements derived from them, are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included in the surveys. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.



Standard errors of estimates and of monthly movements are shown in the tables below. A guide to the standard errors of quarterly and annual movements can be obtained by multiplying by 1.4 the figures in the table of standard errors of monthly movements (Table B) and the figures in the table of standard errors of estimates (Table A) respectively.

TABLE A - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Size of Estimate	Standard Error	Per cent of Estimate
2 500	510	20.4
3 000	550	18.3
3 500	590	16.9
4 000	620	15.5
4 500	650	14.4
5 000	680	13.6
6 000	730	12.2
10 000	900	9.0
20 000	1 200	6.0
50 000	1 600	3.2
100 000	2 100	2.1
200 000	2 600	1.3
300 000	2 900	1.0
500 000	3 300	0.7

TABLE B - STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Size of Larger Estimate	Standard Error
2 500	490
3 000	520
3 500	540
4 000	570
4 500	590
5 000	610
6 000	650
10 000	760
20 000	930
50 000	1 200
100 000	1 400
200 000	1 700
300 000	1 900
500 000	2 100

The smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are subject to such high relative standard errors as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. Estimates below 2 500, and percentages based on such estimates, have not been included in this bulletin. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.



Examples of the calculations and use of standard errors are given below:

- (i) From Table A it will be seen that the estimate of 337 300 full-time employed males in February 1979 has a standard error of about 3 000, and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 334 300 to 340 300 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 331 300 to 343 300.
- (ii) The estimate of movement in the number of full-time employed males from January to February 1979 is an increase of 3 100. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the February 1979 estimate (337 300) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 1 900. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range 1 200 to 5 000 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range - 700 to 6 900.

It must be remembered that there is no justification for saying that the 'true' estimate is more likely to be at any one point in the range than at any other. Further details on sampling variability can be obtained from the Technical Note in The Labour Force, Australia (Catalogue No. 6203.0).

#### COMPARABILITY WITH CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES SERIES

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) also produces a series of employment statistics relating to civilian employees. The benchmarks for this series are derived from population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys and other special returns. Estimates for subsequent months are calculated using three main sources (a) payroll tax returns; (b) returns from government bodies and (c) other returns of employment (e.g. hospitals); the balance (i.e. unrecorded private employment) is estimated. The estimates relate only to civilian employees, not the total labour force: excluded are employers, self-employed persons, unpaid helpers, the unemployed, employees in agriculture, staff employed in private households and defence forces.

#### COMPARABILITY WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FIGURES

The survey estimates of unemployed persons looking for full-time work may differ from the number of persons registered with the Commonwealth Employment Service (CES) because the survey:

- (i) includes some unemployed persons (particularly females) who did not register with the CES,
- (ii) excludes persons who worked for one hour or more during the survey week, although they may have been registered with the CES, e.g. they became unemployed during the week or worked for only short periods,
- (iii) excludes persons registered as unemployed who found jobs or who were no longer looking for work but did not notify the CES of their changed situation,



(iv) represents averages over a period, whereas the CES figures refer to numbers registered on the Friday nearest the end of the month. This is particularly important at times when there are substantial rises or falls in unemployment or in registrations with the CES,

(v) is subject to sampling variability.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Users may wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

1303.4 Monthly Summary of Statistics  
6232.0 Information Paper: Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### SYMBOLS USED

\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses  
n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

#### ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour Force	Not In Labour Force	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
		Looking for							
		Full-Time Work	Part-Time Work						
'000									
Per cent									
MALES									
Apr. 1978	356.0	18.9	*	20.3	376.3	96.2	472.5	5.4	79.6
May	355.0	22.2	*	23.5	378.5	94.9	473.4	6.2	80.0
June	355.6	22.5	*	24.3	380.0	93.9	473.9	6.4	80.2
July	353.1	23.6	*	24.7	377.8	96.9	474.7	6.5	79.6
Aug.	350.2	27.5	*	28.4	378.7	96.7	475.3	7.5	79.7
Sept.	351.6	28.1	*	29.3	380.8	95.1	475.9	7.7	80.0
Oct.	350.8	27.7	*	28.4	379.3	97.0	476.2	7.5	79.6
Nov.	349.4	24.6	*	26.2	375.6	101.9	477.5	7.0	78.7
Dec.	357.5	26.5	*	28.2	385.7	93.0	478.6	7.3	80.6
Jan. 1979	352.5	27.0	*	28.6	381.1	95.5	476.6	7.5	80.0
Feb.	355.4	26.7	*	27.9	383.4	93.8	477.2	7.3	80.3
Mar.	353.0	23.9	*	26.2	379.2	97.7	476.9	6.9	79.5
Apr.	349.4	22.4	*	23.5	372.9	104.2	477.2	6.3	78.2
May	352.4	22.1	*	23.4	375.8	101.6	477.3	6.2	78.7
MARRIED WOMEN									
Apr. 1978	129.9	3.4	3.8	7.2	137.1	176.6	313.7	5.2	43.7
May	128.3	5.6	*	7.9	136.2	179.6	315.7	5.8	43.1
June	131.9	3.6	3.3	6.9	138.7	179.5	318.3	5.0	43.6
July	136.1	3.3	*	5.5	141.6	179.3	320.9	3.9	44.1
Aug.	132.1	3.6	*	5.4	137.5	181.3	318.9	3.9	43.1
Sept.	131.4	3.3	*	5.3	136.7	182.5	319.2	3.9	42.8
Oct.	130.2	3.8	2.9	6.7	136.9	180.6	317.5	4.9	43.1
Nov.	131.3	4.0	2.7	6.7	138.0	179.1	317.1	4.8	43.5
Dec.	136.5	3.4	*	5.1	141.6	176.9	318.5	3.6	44.5
Jan. 1979	127.1	2.8	*	5.2	132.2	184.4	316.7	3.9	41.8
Feb.	127.8	4.5	3.2	7.7	135.5	180.8	316.3	5.7	42.8
Mar.	129.8	5.0	2.9	7.9	137.7	176.4	314.1	5.8	43.8
Apr.	126.7	3.3	*	5.4	132.1	182.7	314.8	4.1	42.0
May	128.1	3.8	3.4	7.2	135.3	182.0	317.3	5.3	42.6

- (a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.
- (b) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 1 - CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER : EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (continued)

Period	Employed	Unemployed		Total	Labour Force	Not In Labour Force	Civilian Population Aged 15 Years & Over	Unemployment Rate (a)	Participation Rate (b)
		Looking for							
		Full-Time Work	Part-Time Work						
					'000	Per cent			
ALL FEMALES									
Apr. 1978	203.2	11.7	5.3	17.0	220.2	267.3	487.5	7.7	45.2
May	200.9	13.7	3.1	16.7	217.6	270.8	488.4	7.7	44.6
June	205.8	11.4	5.2	16.6	222.4	266.6	489.0	7.4	45.5
July	206.5	11.7	3.3	15.0	221.5	268.2	489.7	6.8	45.2
Aug.	203.2	12.4	3.4	15.8	219.0	271.5	490.4	7.2	44.6
Sept.	201.5	14.4	3.3	17.7	219.2	271.8	491.0	8.1	44.6
Oct.	203.4	13.2	4.0	17.2	220.7	270.7	491.3	7.8	44.9
Nov.	206.7	14.2	3.8	18.0	224.7	267.9	492.7	8.0	45.6
Dec.	212.5	15.7	2.9	18.6	231.1	262.6	493.7	8.1	46.8
Jan. 1979	201.8	13.7	3.6	17.3	219.1	272.6	491.7	7.9	44.6
Feb.	203.1	16.7	5.0	21.7	224.8	267.5	492.3	9.7	45.7
Mar.	206.7	17.1	4.9	22.0	228.7	263.8	492.5	9.6	46.4
Apr.	201.9	14.7	3.1	17.8	219.7	273.3	493.0	8.1	44.6
May	200.3	16.5	4.6	21.1	221.4	271.8	493.2	9.5	44.9
PERSONS									
Apr. 1978	559.3	30.6	6.6	37.3	596.5	363.5	960.0	6.2	62.1
May	555.9	35.8	4.4	40.2	596.1	365.6	961.8	6.7	62.0
June	561.4	33.9	7.0	40.9	602.3	360.6	962.9	6.8	62.6
July	559.6	35.2	4.5	39.7	599.3	365.1	964.4	6.6	62.1
Aug.	553.4	39.8	4.4	44.2	597.6	368.1	965.8	7.4	61.9
Sept.	553.0	42.5	4.4	46.9	600.0	366.9	966.9	7.8	62.1
Oct.	554.2	40.9	4.7	45.7	599.9	367.6	967.5	7.6	62.0
Nov.	556.1	38.8	5.4	44.2	600.3	369.9	970.2	7.4	61.9
Dec.	569.9	42.2	4.6	46.9	616.8	355.6	972.4	7.6	63.4
Jan. 1979	554.3	40.7	5.2	45.9	600.2	368.1	968.3	7.7	62.0
Feb.	558.5	43.4	6.3	49.6	608.1	361.3	969.4	8.2	62.7
Mar.	559.7	41.0	7.2	48.2	607.9	361.5	969.5	7.9	62.7
Apr.	551.3	37.1	4.2	41.4	592.7	377.5	970.2	7.0	61.1
May	552.7	38.7	5.8	44.5	597.2	373.4	970.6	7.5	61.5

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

(b) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 2 - CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE AND PARTICIPATION RATES : AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Labour Force (Age Group)					Participation Rate (Age Group)(a)				
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 & Over	Total	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 & Over	Total
	'000					Per cent				
MALES										
Apr. 1978	42.4	50.9	95.6	187.4	376.3	69.5	92.5	95.3	73.2	79.6
May	42.6	49.8	96.9	189.2	378.5	69.7	90.2	96.3	73.8	80.0
June	42.5	49.6	97.4	190.4	380.0	69.6	89.6	96.7	74.2	80.2
July	41.0	50.2	97.6	189.1	377.8	67.0	90.6	96.5	73.6	79.6
Aug.	42.1	50.5	97.5	188.5	378.7	69.0	90.9	96.2	73.2	79.7
Sept.	43.3	50.2	98.1	189.3	380.8	70.8	90.3	96.5	73.5	80.0
Oct.	41.8	49.7	98.2	189.5	379.3	68.5	89.3	96.6	73.5	79.6
Nov.	40.3	48.8	98.4	188.1	375.6	65.9	87.4	96.4	72.8	78.7
Dec.	44.7	52.8	98.4	189.8	385.7	73.1	94.1	95.9	73.3	80.6
Jan. 1979	44.2	51.4	98.3	187.2	381.1	72.7	92.1	96.3	72.6	80.0
Feb.	43.2	52.4	99.7	188.1	383.4	71.0	93.6	97.4	72.9	80.3
Mar.	42.5	49.9	98.1	188.8	379.2	69.2	89.6	96.7	73.1	79.5
Apr.	41.7	48.5	96.8	186.0	372.9	68.0	87.0	95.4	71.9	78.2
May	40.9	49.7	98.5	186.7	375.8	66.8	89.1	97.0	72.1	78.7
FEMALES										
Apr. 1978	38.6	39.0	51.3	91.3	220.2	65.5	70.6	51.5	33.4	45.2
May	37.9	38.6	50.7	90.5	217.6	64.2	69.7	50.6	33.0	44.6
June	38.7	38.9	52.5	92.3	222.4	65.7	70.2	52.4	33.6	45.5
July	36.9	39.8	53.0	91.8	221.5	62.6	71.5	52.8	33.4	45.2
Aug.	37.3	39.2	52.7	89.7	219.0	63.4	70.5	52.3	32.6	44.6
Sept.	36.7	39.3	53.8	89.4	219.2	62.3	70.4	53.3	32.5	44.6
Oct.	36.5	39.6	55.0	89.5	220.7	62.0	71.0	54.4	32.5	44.9
Nov.	37.1	41.6	54.3	91.7	224.7	63.1	74.3	53.4	33.2	45.6
Dec.	39.1	41.9	55.4	94.7	231.1	66.4	74.6	54.3	34.2	46.8
Jan. 1979	38.9	39.8	50.0	90.4	219.1	66.6	71.2	49.2	32.8	44.6
Feb.	39.4	39.5	52.1	93.8	224.8	67.5	70.6	51.2	34.0	45.7
Mar.	39.6	40.0	52.3	96.8	228.7	67.1	72.3	51.5	35.0	46.4
Apr.	39.0	38.3	49.7	92.7	219.7	66.0	69.3	49.0	33.5	44.6
May	39.3	38.7	48.7	94.7	221.4	66.8	69.9	47.9	34.1	44.9
PERSONS										
Apr. 1978	81.1	89.9	147.0	278.6	596.5	67.5	81.5	73.5	52.6	62.1
May	80.4	88.4	147.6	279.7	596.1	67.0	80.0	73.5	52.7	62.0
June	81.3	88.5	149.9	282.7	602.3	67.7	79.9	74.6	53.2	62.6
July	77.8	90.0	150.6	280.9	599.3	64.8	81.0	74.7	52.8	62.1
Aug.	79.5	89.7	150.3	278.1	597.6	66.2	80.7	74.3	52.1	61.9
Sept.	80.0	89.5	151.9	278.7	600.0	66.6	80.3	75.0	52.3	62.1
Oct.	78.3	89.3	153.2	279.1	599.9	65.3	80.2	75.6	52.3	62.0
Nov.	77.4	90.5	152.7	279.8	600.3	64.5	80.9	74.9	52.3	61.9
Dec.	83.8	94.7	153.8	284.5	616.8	69.8	84.3	75.2	53.1	63.4
Jan. 1979	83.1	91.3	148.3	277.5	600.2	69.7	81.6	72.8	52.0	62.0
Feb.	82.6	91.9	151.7	281.9	608.1	69.3	82.1	74.4	52.8	62.7
Mar.	82.1	89.8	150.3	285.7	607.9	68.2	81.0	74.1	53.4	62.7
Apr.	80.6	86.8	146.5	278.7	592.7	67.0	78.2	72.2	52.0	61.1
May	80.3	88.3	147.2	281.4	597.2	66.8	79.5	72.4	52.5	61.5

(a) Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 3 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Wage and Salary Earners			Other			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
'000									
Apr. 1978	293.9	175.4	469.4	62.1	27.8	89.9	356.0	203.2	559.3
May	290.4	174.2	464.6	64.6	26.8	91.3	355.0	200.9	555.9
June	292.7	180.5	473.2	62.9	25.3	88.2	355.6	205.8	561.4
July	291.2	180.3	471.6	61.9	26.2	88.1	353.1	206.5	559.6
Aug.	283.8	177.6	461.3	66.5	25.6	92.1	350.2	203.2	553.4
Sept.	286.8	176.9	463.7	64.7	24.6	89.3	351.6	201.5	553.0
Oct.	286.0	177.9	463.8	64.9	25.6	90.4	350.8	203.4	554.2
Nov.	282.9	180.4	463.3	66.5	26.3	92.8	349.4	206.7	556.1
Dec.	293.0	185.9	478.9	64.5	26.6	91.0	357.5	212.5	569.9
Jan. 1979	287.2	174.4	461.6	65.3	27.3	92.6	352.5	201.8	554.3
Feb.	287.9	176.7	464.5	67.6	26.4	93.9	355.4	203.1	558.5
Mar.	290.1	178.3	468.4	62.9	28.4	91.3	353.0	206.7	559.7
Apr.	288.2	176.0	464.1	61.3	25.9	87.2	349.4	201.9	551.3
May	289.3	173.7	463.0	63.1	26.5	89.7	352.4	200.3	552.7

TABLE 4 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, MARITAL STATUS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Males		Married Women		All Females		Persons	
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
'000								
Apr. 1978	336.9	19.1	71.2	58.7	129.6	73.6	466.5	92.7
May	336.9	18.1	67.5	60.8	124.0	76.9	460.9	95.0
June	335.9	19.7	70.2	61.7	127.8	78.0	463.7	97.7
July	335.2	17.9	71.0	65.1	124.7	81.8	459.9	99.7
Aug.	330.7	19.6	67.4	64.7	121.7	81.5	452.3	101.1
Sept.	331.3	20.3	70.4	61.0	125.1	76.4	456.4	96.6
Oct.	330.1	20.7	66.5	63.7	122.1	81.3	452.2	102.0
Nov.	330.6	18.8	68.9	62.4	126.4	80.3	457.1	99.1
Dec.	338.5	19.0	71.3	65.1	130.5	82.0	469.0	100.9
Jan. 1979	334.2	18.3	69.9	57.1	128.3	73.5	462.5	91.8
Feb.	337.3	18.1	65.1	62.7	123.2	79.8	460.6	97.9
Mar.	332.7	20.4	65.6	64.2	125.2	81.5	457.8	101.9
Apr.	332.6	16.8	62.9	63.8	119.6	82.3	452.3	99.1
May	333.6	18.8	62.0	66.0	117.6	82.6	451.2	101.5



TABLE 5 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
'000									
15-19 Years									
Apr. 1978	30.9	24.2	55.1	5.2	7.0	12.2	36.1	31.3	67.4
May	29.0	23.2	52.2	5.0	8.3	13.3	34.0	31.5	65.5
June	28.3	23.4	51.7	5.4	8.7	14.1	33.7	32.1	65.8
July	27.5	22.7	50.2	5.1	7.7	12.8	32.6	30.4	63.0
Aug.	26.9	22.3	49.2	5.2	8.0	13.2	32.1	30.3	62.4
Sept.	26.8	21.0	47.8	6.1	7.2	13.3	32.9	28.2	61.1
Oct.	25.5	21.1	46.6	6.1	7.9	14.0	31.6	29.0	60.6
Nov.	26.4	22.7	49.1	4.9	8.5	13.4	31.3	31.2	62.5
Dec.	27.6	22.9	50.6	6.6	7.4	14.0	34.2	30.4	64.6
Jan. 1979	28.0	24.2	52.1	5.3	7.4	12.7	33.3	31.6	64.9
Feb.	28.6	23.2	51.8	5.0	7.6	12.6	33.6	30.8	64.4
Mar.	29.5	23.7	53.1	5.3	6.8	12.1	34.8	30.5	65.3
Apr.	27.8	22.5	50.3	5.5	7.9	13.4	33.3	30.4	63.7
May	27.5	22.4	49.9	5.4	7.8	13.2	32.9	30.2	63.1
20-24 Years									
Apr. 1978	43.2	31.1	74.4	2.7	4.8	7.5	46.0	35.9	81.9
May	43.3	29.9	73.2	*	6.0	8.5	45.7	35.9	81.6
June	42.8	29.4	72.2	*	6.7	9.0	45.0	36.2	81.2
July	42.7	29.6	72.3	*	7.8	10.1	45.1	37.3	82.5
Aug.	41.8	28.0	69.9	2.8	8.1	10.8	44.6	36.1	80.7
Sept.	41.6	28.9	70.4	*	7.3	9.7	44.0	36.2	80.1
Oct.	42.6	29.1	71.7	*	7.3	9.2	44.5	36.4	80.9
Nov.	42.4	29.0	71.4	*	8.1	10.5	44.7	37.1	81.8
Dec.	44.9	31.7	76.6	*	6.3	8.0	46.5	38.1	84.6
Jan. 1979	43.9	31.0	74.9	*	5.4	7.8	46.2	36.4	82.7
Feb.	43.9	29.4	73.3	2.6	5.6	8.2	46.5	35.0	81.5
Mar.	41.1	28.9	70.0	2.9	6.6	9.5	44.0	35.5	79.5
Apr.	42.5	29.5	72.0	*	6.3	7.4	43.5	35.8	79.3
May	42.6	28.3	70.9	*	6.7	8.5	44.4	35.0	79.4

Labour force participation rate for any group is the civilian labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population ages 15 years and over in the same group.



TABLE 5 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA (continued)

Period	Full-Time			Part-Time			Total		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
'000									
25-34 Years									
Apr. 1978	88.8	26.6	115.4	2.9	21.0	23.9	91.7	47.7	139.3
May	89.7	25.6	115.3	*	20.5	22.3	91.5	46.1	137.6
June	90.4	26.1	116.5	*	22.2	24.6	92.8	48.3	141.0
July	90.9	26.3	117.2	*	23.5	25.6	93.0	49.9	142.9
Aug.	89.8	25.6	115.4	*	24.0	26.3	92.1	49.5	141.7
Sept.	90.8	27.8	118.5	*	23.3	25.6	93.1	51.0	144.2
Oct.	90.8	28.4	119.1	*	23.6	25.9	93.1	52.0	145.1
Nov.	90.3	28.0	118.3	*	22.8	25.2	92.7	50.8	143.4
Dec.	92.4	29.6	122.0	*	23.3	24.7	93.7	53.0	146.7
Jan. 1979	91.6	26.3	117.9	*	20.4	21.7	92.9	46.7	139.7
Feb.	92.5	25.2	117.7	*	22.2	24.0	94.3	47.4	141.6
Mar.	88.9	25.4	114.3	3.0	23.3	26.3	91.9	48.7	140.6
Apr.	89.8	23.8	113.6	*	22.9	25.0	91.9	46.7	138.6
May	91.4	22.4	113.8	*	21.9	24.0	93.5	44.3	137.8
35 Years & Over									
Apr. 1978	174.0	47.6	221.6	8.3	40.7	49.1	182.3	88.3	270.7
May	174.9	45.3	220.2	8.9	42.1	51.0	183.7	87.4	271.2
June	174.5	48.8	223.4	9.7	40.4	50.1	184.2	89.3	273.4
July	174.1	46.0	220.1	8.3	42.9	51.2	182.4	88.9	271.3
Aug.	172.1	45.7	217.9	9.3	41.5	50.8	181.5	87.2	268.7
Sept.	172.2	47.5	219.7	9.4	38.6	48.0	181.5	86.1	267.7
Oct.	171.2	43.6	214.8	10.4	42.5	52.9	181.6	86.1	267.7
Nov.	171.5	46.8	218.3	9.2	40.9	50.1	180.7	87.7	268.4
Dec.	173.6	46.2	219.8	9.4	44.9	54.2	183.0	91.1	274.1
Jan. 1979	170.7	46.8	217.5	9.4	40.2	49.5	180.1	87.0	267.1
Feb.	172.3	45.4	217.7	8.7	44.5	53.2	181.0	89.9	270.9
Mar.	173.1	47.2	220.4	9.2	44.8	54.0	182.3	92.1	274.4
Apr.	172.6	43.9	216.4	8.1	45.2	53.3	180.7	89.1	269.7
May	172.0	44.6	216.5	9.6	46.2	55.8	181.6	90.7	272.3



TABLE 6 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : OCCUPATION GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Professional, Technical & Related Workers	Administrative, Executive & Managerial	Clerical	Sales	Farmers, Fishermen & Timbergetters etc.	Transport & Communication	Tradesmen, Production- Process Workers & Labourers n.e.c.	Service Sport & Recreation	Total (a)
MALES ('000)									
Feb. 1978	38.2	26.8	30.8	23.9	38.9	27.9	152.2	16.8	356.8
May	39.9	28.0	28.8	21.6	37.1	25.7	154.2	18.5	355.0
Aug.	36.2	27.5	31.1	20.8	37.9	25.9	152.0	17.4	350.2
Nov.	37.4	26.7	30.2	22.2	40.0	28.1	147.8	15.6	349.4
Feb. 1979	37.1	24.2	30.9	23.5	44.7	25.5	152.7	15.9	355.4
May	37.7	23.3	32.3	22.3	39.9	26.4	154.3	15.4	352.4
FEMALES ('000)									
Feb. 1978	34.9	3.2	62.3	26.1	11.9	4.9	20.0	33.3	196.9
May	41.7	3.1	57.4	26.7	9.6	4.0	21.5	36.8	200.9
Aug.	43.0	3.6	57.4	26.0	9.6	4.6	20.3	38.6	203.2
Nov.	42.5	4.6	60.1	28.1	9.8	5.3	20.2	36.0	206.7
Feb. 1979	39.2	4.2	61.8	26.4	11.2	4.5	19.4	36.4	203.1
May	33.3	4.6	60.0	28.0	11.6	4.8	19.6	38.4	200.3
PERSONS ('000)									
Feb. 1978	73.1	30.1	93.1	50.0	50.8	32.8	172.3	50.1	553.6
May	81.6	31.1	86.2	48.3	46.7	29.6	175.6	55.3	555.9
Aug.	79.3	31.0	88.5	46.8	47.6	30.5	172.3	56.0	553.4
Nov.	79.9	31.2	90.3	50.3	49.9	33.4	168.1	51.6	556.1
Feb. 1979	76.3	28.4	92.6	49.8	55.9	30.0	172.1	52.3	558.5
May	71.0	27.9	92.3	50.3	51.5	31.2	173.9	53.8	552.7

(a) Includes miners and quarrymen and related workers.



TABLE 7 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Agriculture & Services to Agriculture	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Transport & Storage	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	Community Services (a)	Entertainment, Recreation etc.	Other Industries (b)	Total
MALES ('000)										
Feb. 1978	31.3	94.5	39.7	64.5	23.3	21.1	32.8	11.1	38.3	356.8
May	30.2	93.7	42.1	62.3	22.8	20.5	33.1	12.2	38.2	355.0
Aug.	30.2	86.1	42.1	65.2	25.2	17.9	31.3	12.8	39.4	350.2
Nov.	30.5	84.3	42.2	63.9	27.2	19.9	33.7	10.7	37.1	349.4
Feb. 1979	34.0	89.1	37.2	64.4	26.0	19.4	34.2	13.3	37.8	355.4
May	31.5	90.6	34.9	62.4	27.1	19.8	33.3	12.6	40.2	352.4
FEMALES ('000)										
Feb. 1978	11.3	25.4	4.9	46.0	3.3	18.4	58.7	18.3	10.6	196.9
May	8.9	23.9	5.0	47.9	3.0	16.5	65.9	20.6	9.2	200.9
Aug.	10.0	23.6	5.0	47.0	2.9	14.7	66.4	22.5	11.1	203.2
Nov.	9.4	23.0	4.9	51.5	3.3	16.6	67.8	20.0	10.1	206.7
Feb. 1979	10.2	22.8	4.2	48.0	3.1	20.2	65.7	18.1	10.7	203.1
May	10.6	22.9	3.5	49.2	3.6	18.7	59.5	21.2	11.2	200.3
PERSONS ('000)										
Feb. 1979	42.6	119.8	44.6	110.6	26.6	39.5	91.5	29.4	48.9	553.6
May	39.0	117.6	47.1	110.1	25.8	37.1	99.0	32.8	47.4	555.9
Aug.	40.2	109.8	47.1	112.2	28.1	32.5	97.8	35.2	50.5	553.4
Nov.	40.0	107.3	47.1	115.4	30.5	36.5	101.5	30.6	47.2	556.1
Feb. 1979	44.3	112.0	41.4	112.4	29.1	39.6	99.9	31.4	48.5	558.5
May	42.1	113.5	38.3	111.5	30.6	38.5	92.8	33.8	51.3	552.7

(a) Comprises health; education, libraries etc.; welfare and religious institutions; other community services.

(b) Comprises mining; forestry, fishing and hunting; electricity, gas and water; communication; public administration and defence.



TABLE 8 - EMPLOYED PERSONS : INDUSTRY, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Agriculture & Services to Agriculture	Manufacturing	Construction	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Transport & Storage	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	Community Services (a)	Entertainment, Recreation etc.	Other Industries (b)	All Industries
MALES (Hours)										
Feb. 1978	44.3	35.4	35.3	36.6	36.6	35.7	33.6	33.8	33.2	36.0
May	48.9	38.5	38.7	40.7	43.0	38.3	39.3	38.5	36.4	39.9
Aug.	46.9	39.1	37.1	40.9	40.5	37.5	39.7	37.4	36.5	39.6
Nov.	53.0	39.8	38.5	40.2	41.8	35.4	39.1	37.4	37.4	40.4
Feb. 1979	48.8	39.3	38.8	41.5	37.4	39.0	38.7	36.2	36.7	40.0
May	52.1	40.2	39.1	40.1	39.7	37.4	38.3	36.3	35.9	40.1
FEMALES (Hours)										
Feb. 1978	26.0	29.5	19.5	27.3	25.8	27.0	26.6	24.1	27.4	26.7
May	31.1	31.8	19.6	29.0	22.6	30.4	30.9	25.2	29.2	29.5
Aug.	24.6	32.8	21.4	28.5	24.5	28.8	30.6	24.9	32.6	29.1
Nov.	30.2	34.0	23.4	27.1	28.9	29.3	31.0	23.4	33.2	29.3
Feb. 1979	29.0	33.6	21.1	26.9	26.5	30.2	30.1	22.9	31.8	28.9
May	25.6	32.0	25.5	27.9	27.4	29.1	29.1	25.5	31.4	28.6
PERSONS (Hours)										
Feb. 1978	39.5	34.2	33.6	32.7	35.3	31.7	29.1	27.8	31.9	32.7
May	44.9	37.1	36.7	35.6	40.6	34.8	33.7	30.2	35.0	36.1
Aug.	41.3	37.7	35.4	35.7	38.8	33.6	33.5	29.4	35.6	35.7
Nov.	47.7	38.5	36.9	34.3	40.4	32.6	33.7	28.2	36.5	36.3
Feb. 1979	44.3	38.1	37.0	35.3	36.2	34.5	33.0	28.5	35.7	35.9
May	45.5	38.5	37.8	34.7	38.3	33.4	32.4	29.5	34.9	35.9

(a) Comprises health; education, libraries etc; welfare and religious institutions; other community services.

(b) Comprises mining; forestry, fishing and hunting; electricity, gas and water; communication; public administration and defence.



TABLE 9 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : AGE GROUP, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployed (Age Group)					Unemployment Rate (Age Group)(a)				
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 & Over	Total	15-19	20-24	25-34	35 & Over	Total
	'000					Per cent				
MALES										
Apr. 1978	6.3	4.9	4.0	5.0	20.3	14.9	9.7	4.2	2.7	5.4
May	8.5	4.1	5.4	5.5	23.5	20.0	8.2	5.6	2.9	6.2
June	8.9	4.5	4.7	6.2	24.3	20.9	9.1	4.8	3.3	6.4
July	8.3	5.1	4.6	6.7	24.7	20.4	10.2	4.7	3.5	6.5
Aug.	10.1	5.9	5.4	7.0	28.4	23.9	11.7	5.6	3.6	7.5
Sept.	10.4	6.2	4.9	7.7	29.3	24.0	12.4	5.0	4.1	7.7
Oct.	10.3	5.2	5.1	8.0	28.4	24.5	10.4	5.2	4.2	7.5
Nov.	8.9	4.1	5.7	7.4	26.2	22.2	8.4	5.8	3.9	7.0
Dec.	10.5	6.3	4.6	6.8	28.2	23.5	11.9	4.7	3.6	7.3
Jan. 1979	10.9	5.2	5.4	7.1	28.6	24.7	10.1	5.5	3.8	7.5
Feb.	9.6	5.8	5.4	7.1	27.9	22.1	11.1	5.4	3.8	7.3
Mar.	7.7	5.9	6.2	6.5	26.2	18.1	11.8	6.3	3.4	6.9
Apr.	8.3	4.9	4.9	5.3	23.5	20.0	10.2	5.1	2.9	6.3
May	8.0	5.3	5.0	5.1	23.4	19.6	10.6	5.0	2.7	6.2
FEMALES										
Apr. 1978	7.4	3.1	3.6	2.9	17.0	19.1	7.8	7.1	3.2	7.7
May	6.4	2.7	4.6	3.0	16.7	16.9	6.9	9.1	3.4	7.7
June	6.6	2.8	4.2	3.0	16.6	17.1	7.1	8.0	3.3	7.4
July	6.5	*	3.1	2.9	15.0	17.6	*	5.9	3.2	6.8
Aug.	7.0	3.1	3.2	2.5	15.8	18.8	8.0	6.1	2.8	7.2
Sept.	8.5	3.1	2.8	3.3	17.7	23.2	7.9	5.2	3.7	8.1
Oct.	7.5	3.3	3.1	3.4	17.2	20.5	8.2	5.6	3.8	7.8
Nov.	6.0	4.6	3.5	4.0	18.0	16.1	10.9	6.4	4.4	8.0
Dec.	8.7	3.9	2.5	3.6	18.6	22.2	9.2	4.4	3.8	8.1
Jan. 1979	7.3	3.4	3.2	3.3	17.3	18.8	8.5	6.5	3.7	7.9
Feb.	8.6	4.6	4.7	3.9	21.7	21.8	11.5	9.1	4.1	9.7
Mar.	9.1	4.5	3.6	4.8	22.0	23.0	11.3	6.9	4.9	9.6
Apr.	8.6	2.5	3.1	3.7	17.8	22.0	6.6	6.2	4.0	8.1
May	9.2	3.6	4.4	4.0	21.1	23.3	9.3	9.0	4.2	9.5
PERSONS										
Apr. 1978	13.7	8.0	7.6	8.0	37.3	16.9	8.9	5.2	2.9	6.2
May	14.9	6.8	10.0	8.5	40.2	18.6	7.6	6.8	3.0	6.7
June	15.5	7.3	8.9	9.2	40.9	19.1	8.2	5.9	3.3	6.8
July	14.8	7.5	7.7	9.6	39.7	19.1	8.4	5.1	3.4	6.6
Aug.	17.1	9.0	8.6	9.5	44.2	21.5	10.1	5.7	3.4	7.4
Sept.	18.9	9.3	7.7	11.0	46.9	23.6	10.4	5.1	3.9	7.8
Oct.	17.7	8.4	8.2	11.3	45.7	22.6	9.4	5.3	4.1	7.6
Nov.	14.9	8.7	9.2	11.4	44.2	19.2	9.6	6.0	4.1	7.4
Dec.	19.2	10.2	7.1	10.4	46.9	22.9	10.7	4.6	3.7	7.6
Jan. 1979	18.3	8.6	8.6	10.5	45.9	22.0	9.4	5.8	3.8	7.7
Feb.	18.2	10.4	10.1	11.0	49.6	22.0	11.3	6.7	3.9	8.2
Mar.	16.8	10.4	9.7	11.3	48.2	20.5	11.5	6.5	3.9	7.9
Apr.	16.9	7.5	8.0	9.0	41.3	21.0	8.6	5.4	3.2	7.0
May	17.2	8.9	9.3	9.1	44.5	21.4	10.0	6.3	3.2	7.5

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.



TABLE 10 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : NUMBER AND RATE, ADELAIDE STATISTICAL DIVISION

Period	Unemployed			Unemployment Rate (a)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
	'000			Per cent		
Apr. 1978	15.9	13.3	29.2	6.0	8.1	6.8
May	17.8	12.4	30.2	6.7	7.6	7.0
June	19.5	12.6	32.0	7.3	7.5	7.3
July	19.1	10.6	29.7	7.2	6.3	6.8
Aug.	22.3	11.6	33.9	8.4	7.0	7.9
Sept.	22.9	12.9	35.8	8.5	7.8	8.2
Oct.	22.4	12.8	35.1	8.4	7.7	8.1
Nov.	22.0	14.1	36.1	8.3	8.3	8.3
Dec.	23.1	14.6	37.7	8.5	8.3	8.4
Jan. 1979	24.1	13.4	37.5	8.9	8.1	8.6
Feb.	23.1	17.1	40.2	8.5	10.1	9.1
Mar.	22.2	16.9	39.0	8.3	9.9	8.9
Apr.	18.8	13.5	32.3	7.1	8.4	7.6
May	19.6	16.1	35.7	7.4	9.9	8.3

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

TABLE 11 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : BIRTHPLACE, NUMBER AND RATE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Period	Period	Unemployed			Unemployment Rate (a)		
		Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
		'000			Per cent		
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA							
	Apr. 1978	6.8	5.0	11.9	6.2	7.7	6.8
	May	8.7	5.1	13.8	7.6	7.9	7.7
	June	8.7	5.5	14.2	7.4	8.0	7.7
	July	8.2	5.2	13.4	7.0	7.7	7.3
	Aug.	8.8	5.5	14.2	7.5	8.4	7.8
	Sept.	10.0	5.2	15.2	8.8	8.3	8.6
	Oct.	10.6	5.7	16.3	9.0	8.7	8.9
	Nov.	9.9	7.0	16.9	8.5	10.7	9.3
	Dec.	10.4	5.4	15.8	8.8	8.2	8.6
	Jan. 1979	10.3	6.5	16.8	8.7	10.0	9.1
	Feb.	10.3	7.0	17.3	8.7	10.5	9.4
	Mar.	8.8	6.7	15.5	7.7	9.9	8.6
	Apr.	8.0	5.1	13.1	7.2	8.0	7.5
	May	8.2	6.7	15.0	7.4	10.4	8.5
BORN IN AUSTRALIA							
	Apr. 1978	13.4	12.0	25.4	5.0	7.7	6.0
	May	14.8	11.6	26.5	5.6	7.6	6.3
	June	15.6	11.1	26.7	5.9	7.2	6.4
	July	16.5	9.8	26.4	6.3	6.4	6.3
	Aug.	19.7	10.3	30.0	7.5	6.7	7.2
	Sept.	19.3	12.4	31.7	7.2	8.0	7.5
	Oct.	17.8	11.5	29.4	6.8	7.4	7.0
	Nov.	16.3	11.0	27.3	6.3	6.9	6.5
	Dec.	17.9	13.2	31.1	6.7	8.0	7.2
	Jan. 1979	18.3	10.8	29.1	7.0	7.0	7.0
	Feb.	17.6	14.7	32.3	6.6	9.3	7.6
	Mar.	17.4	15.2	32.7	6.6	9.5	7.7
	Apr.	15.6	12.7	28.3	5.9	8.1	6.7
	May	15.1	14.4	29.5	5.7	9.2	7.0

(a) The unemployment rate for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.



TABLE 12 - UNEMPLOYED PERSONS : DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

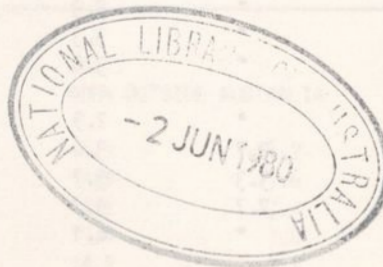
Period	Number Unemployed						Total	Average Duration of Unemployment
	Under 4 Weeks	4 & under 8 Weeks	8 & under 13 Weeks	13 & under 26 Weeks	26 & under 39 Weeks	39 Weeks & Over		
MALES ('000)								
Apr. 1978	3.8	*	*	5.7	*	4.2	20.3	27.9
May	4.5	3.5	*	5.9	2.8	4.7	23.5	25.1
June	4.2	4.4	*	5.3	4.0	4.6	24.3	26.0
July	3.3	3.3	4.6	4.7	3.1	5.8	24.7	27.2
Aug.	4.8	3.2	4.3	5.8	4.8	5.5	28.4	25.8
Sept.	4.8	4.0	4.4	5.8	3.4	6.9	29.3	28.6
Oct.	3.8	3.3	4.2	6.3	3.2	7.7	28.4	27.7
Nov.	3.2	3.2	4.3	5.8	3.3	6.5	26.2	26.0
Dec.	6.2	3.7	2.7	5.3	3.3	6.9	28.2	25.7
Jan. 1979	4.3	4.9	3.6	5.2	3.6	7.0	28.6	27.7
Feb.	4.0	3.5	4.4	4.7	4.3	7.1	27.9	36.1
Mar.	3.7	3.0	3.3	4.9	3.9	7.4	26.2	32.9
Apr.	4.0	2.7	*	5.1	3.2	6.8	23.5	34.8
May	3.2	*	*	5.5	3.1	6.9	23.4	32.8
FEMALES ('000)								
Apr. 1978	3.3	2.6	2.8	3.3	*	3.2	17.0	22.4
May	3.9	*	*	4.6	*	3.2	16.7	23.9
June	3.5	*	*	3.7	*	3.3	16.6	24.5
July	4.8	*	*	*	2.8	2.7	15.0	26.8
Aug.	4.0	*	*	3.0	*	2.7	15.8	27.7
Sept.	3.6	2.8	*	3.0	2.6	3.6	17.7	33.2
Oct.	3.8	2.6	*	3.3	*	4.0	17.2	25.9
Nov.	3.8	2.9	*	3.3	*	3.9	18.0	28.9
Dec.	4.2	3.2	*	3.8	*	3.2	18.6	24.2
Jan. 1979	4.3	3.8	*	2.9	*	2.8	17.3	20.8
Feb.	5.4	3.8	3.7	3.6	*	3.4	21.7	21.9
Mar.	4.3	3.7	3.3	3.7	*	5.0	22.0	27.5
Apr.	2.7	*	2.7	4.7	*	4.0	17.8	27.3
May	3.1	*	*	6.1	3.4	4.5	21.1	28.4
PERSONS ('000)								
Apr. 1978	7.1	4.5	5.2	9.0	4.1	7.3	37.3	25.4
May	8.4	5.5	3.9	10.4	4.0	7.9	40.2	24.6
June	7.8	6.8	4.0	8.9	5.6	7.9	40.9	26.2
July	8.1	4.5	6.3	6.5	5.9	8.4	39.7	27.1
Aug.	8.8	5.2	6.3	8.8	7.0	8.1	44.2	26.5
Sept.	8.4	6.7	6.6	8.8	5.9	10.6	46.9	30.3
Oct.	7.6	5.9	6.3	9.6	4.6	11.7	45.7	27.1
Nov.	7.0	6.1	6.3	9.1	5.4	10.3	44.2	27.2
Dec.	10.4	6.9	4.8	9.1	5.4	10.2	46.9	25.1
Jan. 1979	8.6	8.7	5.5	8.1	5.2	9.8	45.9	25.1
Feb.	9.4	7.3	8.1	8.3	6.0	10.5	49.6	29.9
Mar.	8.0	6.7	6.6	8.6	5.8	12.5	48.2	30.4
Apr.	6.7	4.8	4.4	9.9	4.8	10.8	41.3	31.6
May	6.3	4.8	3.9	11.6	6.5	11.4	44.5	30.7



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TABLE 11. UNEMPLOYMENT IN AUSTRALIA, 1970-1979

Period	Unemployment rate (%)				Unemployment rate (%)			
	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Jan.	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5
Feb.	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6
Mar.	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
Apr.	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8
May	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9
Jun.	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0
Jul.	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
Aug.	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2
Sep.	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
Oct.	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4
Nov.	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5
Dec.	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6
1970	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5
1971	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.6
1972	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.7
1973	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9	4.8
1974	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0	4.9
1975	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1	5.0
1976	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.1
1977	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.2
1978	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.3
1979	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.5	5.4



(a) The unemployment rate for each year is the annual average rate expressed as a percentage of the labour force.  
(b) The unemployment rate for each quarter is the quarterly average rate expressed as a percentage of the labour force.